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1. The Chinese Communist authorities of Kwangtung Province, in order to strengthen their controls, effected a government reorganization in December 1949, providing separate divisions of control for Party, political and military matters. Military affairs were assigned to YEH Chien-ying, political matters to KU T'ang-ts'un (古倘存), and Party business to FANG Fang.¹

2. Chinese Communist authorities in South China feel that their domination has entered the pacification stage. They claim that they have enforced complete disarmament and discovered all cached weapons², and that garrison forces, with the addition of People's Volunteer Corps in various districts, are adequate to suppress guerrilla activities. In the political field, they are attempting to unify administration in order to avoid overlapping and to reduce expenses. General census registrations have been begun by districts in Canton.³ In the economic field, the authorities have announced special attention to the living standards of workers, but they admit to some instability in currency conditions.⁴

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4. Early in December 1949 JAO Chang-feng (饒彰風)⁶, head of the South China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party, left Hong Kong for Canton to take over the work of news censorship there, and to set up a newspaper, the Nan Fang Jih Pao. He was replaced in the Bureau by LEI Pen (雷奔), to handle all

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internal and administrative work. External activities of the Bureau have been assigned to CHANG Ping-liu (張平流) and CH'EN T'ieh-chou (陳鐵舟).

5. In country villages within a hundred-mile radius of Canton, Chinese Communist authorities in late December 1949 were conscripting all men between the ages of 16 and 31 for special training by Soviet instructors under the Canton Military Control Commission.⁷ Soviet personnel in Canton, ostensibly engineers and railroad technicians engaged by the Kwangtung Provincial Government, are admitted by Communist authorities to be actually advisers of the government in political as well as technical matters. YEH Chien-ying acts only in accordance with instructions from his Soviet advisers.
6. Two Soviet advisers, Pa-ke-lo-fu (巴格洛夫, possibly Bagelov) and Ch'i-k'e-no-fu (齊喀諾夫, possibly Chikenov), attached to the Kwangtung Provincial Government, spoke at a meeting of Communist workers in Canton on 1 December 1949. Their remarks were to the effect that since, with Soviet assistance, the revolution in China had proved successful, the Chinese were under obligation to aid the revolutionary program in all nations of Southeast Asia.⁸

1. Comment. YEH Chien-ying, mayor of Canton and governor of Kwangtung, is a logical appointment for military commander, as is FANG Fang, deputy governor and member of the South China Politburo, for the Party assignment. KU T'ang-ts'un, also reported as KU Ta-ts'un (顧大衛), another deputy governor, is an alternate member of the Chinese Communist Central Executive Committee and an old friend of MAO Tse-tung.

Comment. The correct name is probably KU Ta-ts'un, since that is the way it has appeared in the Chinese vernacular press in Hong Kong. He was born in Kwangtung Province in 1900, and joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1927.

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5. Comment. Travel restrictions on all foreigners were officially announced in late December 1949. An order similar to the one here cited was received in Shanghai on 2 December 1949. Chinese travelers were able to move freely between Canton and Shanghai.

6. Comment. JAO Chang-feng has been frequently reported as

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8. Comment. The Chinese Communist press has given considerable publicity to revolutionary activity in Southeast Asia as reported in the sessions of the Asia-Australia Labor Conference held in Peiping in November 1949.

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